

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A controller for use with a fabric grooming device comprising:

an interactive user interface ~~with~~ having one or more input selectors, ~~and~~ one or more output indicators, and a digital display panel for displaying scrolled and segmented text;

wherein said interface is operatively connected to a microprocessor, and

wherein said interface is integrated onto ~~the~~ a handle of the fabric grooming device.

2. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 1, wherein each of said one or more input selectors have an image or symbol associated therewith for identifying the function and/or operation corresponding thereto.

3. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 1, wherein at least one of said one or more input selectors is a touch-sensitive panel.

4. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 2, wherein at least one of said one or more input selectors is an LCD panel.

5. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 2, wherein at least one of said one or more input selectors is an LED panel.
6. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 2, wherein said one or more input selectors are selected from a group consisting of a button, a switch, a roller, and a knob.
7. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 1, wherein each of said one or more output indicators have an image or symbol for identifying the function and/or operation corresponding thereto.
8. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 7, wherein at least one of said one or more output indicators is a display panel.
9. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 7, wherein at least one of said one or more output indicators is an LCD panel.
10. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 7, wherein at least one of said one or more output indicators is an LED panel.
11. (Canceled).

12. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 1, wherein said one or more output indicators are a visual indicator.

13. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 1, wherein said one or more output indicators are an audible indicator.

14. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 1, wherein said one or more output indicators are a tactile indicator.

15. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 1, wherein said microprocessor is operatively connected to a sound generator, one or more sensors, and/or a heater.

16. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 15, wherein said microprocessor is also operatively connected to a timer.

17. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 16, wherein said microprocessor is operatively connected to a vibrator.

18. (Currently amended) A controller for a fabric grooming device comprising:
a digital interface having a segmented LCD display suitable for displaying segmented text and a scrolling LCD display suitable for displaying scrolling text;
a microprocessor operatively connected with said interface;
wherein said interface and/or said microprocessor are operatively connected to any of a variety of operational features of said fabric grooming device to facilitate interactive operational control thereof, and
wherein said interface is integrated onto ~~the~~ a handle of the fabric grooming device.

19. (Currently amended) A controller operatively associated with a fabric grooming device comprising:
a digital interface having a segmented LCD display suitable for displaying segmented text and a scrolling LCD display suitable for displaying scrolling text, wherein said interface provides ~~for providing~~ interactive communication between a user and the fabric grooming device;
wherein said interface is operatively connected with a microprocessor and one or more sensors, and
wherein said interface is integrated onto ~~the~~ a handle of the fabric grooming device.

20. (Currently amended) A user interface associated with a control for a fabric grooming device, the user interface comprising:

one or more input selectors for inputting user instruction;

one or more output indicators for outputting operational information; and

a microprocessor operatively connected to said input selectors and said output selectors, wherein said interface is integrated onto the a handle of the fabric grooming device[.];

a segmented LCD display panel suitable for displaying segmented text, and

a scrolling LCD display panel suitable for displaying scrolling text.

21. through 81. (Canceled).

82. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 18, wherein said digital interface is a touch-sensitive panel.

83. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 19, wherein said digital interface is a touch-sensitive panel.

84. (Previously presented) The user interface of claim 20, wherein at least one of said one or more input selectors is a touch-sensitive panel.